GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF ALUMINIUM BY NALCO
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether NALCO is the second largest Aluminium producing company in the country;

(b) if so, the production capacity of the said company at present;

(c) whether refining cost of this company is very low in comparison to such other companies of the World;

(d) if so, the refining cost of the company; and

(e) the likely refining cost of the company after expansion and development of furnaces?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

a) National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) is the second largest Aluminium producing company in the country.

b) The production capacity of NALCO is 2,30,000 MT per annum at present.

c) The cost of calcined alumina produced by NALCO is quite low.However, in the absence of authentic reported data of other companies in the world, comparative position is not known.

(d) & (e) Production cost of calcined alumina for the year 2001-2002 was Rs.6405/- PMT and for 2002-03 (upto October, 2002) it is Rs.5654/- PMT. The expansion project was commercially commissioned in March, 2002 and hence the cost of production during 2002-03 reflects the effect of expansion also.